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### **SUMMARY FOR 11-5-12 THROUGH 12-9-12**

This report takes us through week 49 of the year. Normally I would write about year to date trends, but as the end of the year is nigh, it seems prudent to wait a few weeks when the final statistics are available. We will then have a clear picture of the winding course that we refer to as 2012.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

Mission Creep Alert- On 11-6-12, I received a call from the elderly Katie. She told me that our BID Officers were wonderful people. She had a great experience with us a year ago and again today. Our Officers Sterling and Islas were very nice to her as they found her on the sidewalk with many of her belongings. They also gave her outreach information.

Katie told me a friend was coming to help her and to put her into a hotel. She asked me about entering a shelter. I told her she should take her friend's offer instead. We spent about two hours with her. When I realized how long our guys were there, I told them to resume patrol duties. This prompted a second call from a now very angry Katie who apparently wanted us to remove her belongings from her second floor apartment and deliver them to some undisclosed location. We advised that we had other duties and could not act as her movers. She did not find this acceptable as this was an 'emergency'.

All ended well when she called one last time late in the afternoon and thanked us for our efforts. We are constantly being tugged and pulled by people trying to expand our duties. We call it being victims of our own success.

### **Nancy Miller R.I.P.**

On 10-31-12, we received a call from Melissa of Step up on Second. She asked us to meet with Nancy Miller who had left the hospital and returned to the streets. Mellissa was hoping that we could convince Nancy to return to the hospital. We had a good rapport with Nancy as we had been involved with encouraging her go to rehab and assisted her through the process of getting Section 8 Housing. Nancy had



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lived on the street for at least ten years before getting this apartment. We found Nancy at Cahuenga and Franklin lying on the sidewalk.

Nancy's eyes and skin had a yellowish tone. She was clearly in poor health. Nancy told our Officers that the Dr. told her she had a terminal condition.

She said it was her wish to die on the street. Ben Adams of the BSSSC and Nancy's friend Celine also talked to Nancy, but she refused any help. Other Outreach workers responded and Nancy finally agreed to go to her apartment. We were saddened to hear that she passed on Saturday (10-10-12).

Nancy joins the sad list of homeless people that we had been attempting to assist. Some died on the streets while a couple had recently moved into housing when they passed. The list includes, Bob Banker, Joanne 'Mickey' Said, Desni Grey, Christine Keenen, Brandon Lambert and Helmut Hermans. We also had a homeless man named Craig Wright stabbed to death at a food line at Vista Del Mar and Carlos on 7-1-09 and a homeless man named Keith who was stabbed to death at Hollywood and Gower on 8-6-09. Both of these murders occurred in 2009.

Bid Security had a very long relationship with Nancy. The first recorded contact we have documentation on is 11-2-02 when she was warned about trespassing as she was living in a van in a parking lot on Las Palmas. She told the Officers that she was from the Bronx New York. We have fifty one FI cards on file on her. This represents a mere fraction of our contacts with her.

Over the years, BID Security arrested Nancy 43 times for Drinking in Public. She had several other arrests for other charges as well. We also received countless calls for service regarding her activities.

We have noticed a pattern where a relatively small group of people demand a disproportionate share of our resources. Nancy was certainly one of these. We had a relationship with her for our entire six years here. We had almost daily contact with her. Many of the contacts were positive in nature as we spent many hours attempting to get Nancy to accept help from the outreach community. She has done so at times, but has always fallen back into abusing alcohol.

Probably our best moment with Nancy was in August of 2008. At that time she was sleeping in the hills. She would walk down Highland flashing her breasts at passing commuters. She was very hostile to us, but we continued to reach out to her. We finally got through to



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her. She confided that she was frightened sleeping in the hills. She had a leaking breast implant and other medical issues. She also wanted to get sober.

She finally accepted help and Gett Love sent her to rehabilitation and put her in a hotel room. She came out clean and sober. She was then placed in a path shelter. Nancy came to our office and told Assistant Director Joe Salazar that we had saved her life. We fully realize that she gave us way too much credit and that Gett Love did the heavy lifting. We have however become an integral part of the homeless outreach effort in Hollywood. Unfortunately, the lure of the street proved too strong and Nancy returned to her old ways.

A review of our contacts with Nancy over a nine day period from 09-09-10 to 09-17-10 was quite revealing. On 09-09-10, we found her passed out on the handicap ramp at the Post Office located at 1623 Wilcox. Her wheelchair was beside her so the entire ramp was blocked. Two of her friends were also with her and they had their daily supply of beer ready for consumption. We roused the group and sent them on their way.

On 09-13-10, our Officers again saw Nancy. This time she was at 1810 Cahuenga (7-11). She was lying on the ground near her overturned wheelchair. She had been hit by a vehicle backing out of a parking space. We called the LAPD and Paramedics. Nancy was taken to the hospital with undetermined injuries. On 09-17-10, we received a radio call of a woman down in the parking lot located at 1633 Wilcox. It turned out to be Nancy again. We helped her back into her wheelchair once again.

Magnify this day after day, week after week, and you can get a sense of the time and resources that are used for just this one woman. This is not just by BID Security, but also the LAPD, Paramedics, Hospital Staff and others. This clearly illustrates the need for **Kerry Morrison's** call for permanent supportive housing for those most in need. This seems especially true for those that are mentally impaired. This would certainly be a more humane approach and I have to think much less costly than our current system.

On 11-13-12, Joe Mariani and I attended a meeting at the LAPD Station regarding our plans to monitor the BID cameras. This will be a thirteen week trial project. We made progress and hope to get started within the next few weeks.

On 11-14-12, we received a nice E-Mail from Angela Motta who is a Field Deputy for Councilman Garcetti. She happened to be at the



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Café Audry when they called us regarding an angry man causing a disturbance. Our officers responded and calmed the man down. A short time later the man became agitated again. A customer who had BID Security on his speed dial called us back.

Angela said that our Officers were able to convince that man to move along. She said "I had never seen them in action, but they handled this angry man very coolly. Nice work!" We were glad to get the compliment and the reminder that you never know whose watching.

On 11-17-12, I represented Andrews International and the BID's on the Home Walk 2012. This is a fundraiser with the goal of ending homelessness in Los Angeles. My wife Heather, daughter's Caitlin and Emily and granddaughter Ellia also made the arduous 5K walk. Ellia will turn two years old in December and she actually walked at least half of the course. Her stroller was handy for storing jackets and water, but she never sat in it. When not walking, there was always a volunteer ready to carry her. You would volunteer too. She is that cute.

On 11-23-12, our Officers Sterling and Parra contacted Serge who was sitting on the sidewalk at 6705 Hollywood Blvd. They asked him to get up. He jumped up quickly and started screaming obscenities at the Officers. They tried to calm him, but he instead pushed each Officer.

Serge then ran off eastbound. Serge is a very troubled homeless man that generates a great number of radio calls. A man named Hamilton Smith observed the incident and told our Officers that Serge was in the wrong and that he had their back. The ironic thing is that Mr. Hamilton was featured in last week's report. We had arrested him for blocking the sidewalk. He later made a complaint that Officers Melvin and Mooney were the modern day equivalent of 'Buffalo Soldiers' and that they only arrested him because he was a Native American.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 11-6-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 11-8-12 Client 2013 Planning Meeting
- 3) 11-8-12 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 4) 11-8-12 H+H Retail Meeting
- 5) 11-13-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 6) 11-13-12 LAPD Camera Project Meeting
- 7) 11-15-12 H+H Retail Meeting
- 8) 11-13-12 Nancy Miller Memorial



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- 9) 11-20-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 11-28-12 LAPD BBQ

### **OUTREACH:**

On 11-5-12, we had several radio calls regarding Arni. These included the Chevron Station at 1787 Highland Café Audry at 6902 Hollywood Blvd. and Zara located at 6901 Hollywood Blvd. His behavior is bizarre and he frightens people. In each case he had refused to leave the location. At Zara he refused to stop smoking inside the store.

On 11-6-12, we had three negative contacts with Arni Cartier who was recently released from the County Jail. He promptly went off his medications and began bizarre and hostile behavior. On the third contact, Arni was outside the Zara Clothing store. He has fixated on a suit of clothing in the display window and insists that we buy it for him. We called Mark from Step up on second and advised him of Arni's location and condition. Arni was uncooperative and left the scene.

On 11-8-12, we found Arni walking in circles in traffic at Hollywood and Orange. We were able to get him out of the roadway and he walked off west bound. A short time later the LAPD responded and confronted Arni. They were forced to prone him out on the ground. They took him into custody and placed a 5150 hold on him.

I have since provided an extensive report documenting our contacts with Arni to various homeless outreach workers in hopes that Arni can be placed in a non-voluntary placement where he can receive the help he needs. I also sent the report to Ronald Rodriguez of the LAPD CAMP Team. He seemed very motivated to help with the situation.

On 11-6-12, Rudy Salinas from PATH requested our help in locating client Robert Gillette. We found him at La Brea and Hollywood and informed Rudy of the location.

On 11-6-12, our Officers found Vicky sitting in the parking lot of the Paragon Cleaners located at 1310 Vine. We only recently learned her name. She is a homeless woman who often slept near 6464 Sunset Blvd. We were contacted by Brian Folb regarding her and in turn we contacted PATH.

PATH recently got Vicky to go into their shelter, but she left and had been missing for two days. We called Courtney Kanagi and she said she was sending the HERO Team to pick up Vicky and return her to the shelter.



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On 11-7-12, our Dispatcher/Office Manager Vicky brought in seven cases of Insure nutritional drink which were then donated to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

On 11-20-12, our Officers contacted Dewey. He is eligible for transitional housing through the Veteran's Administration. They set up a meeting for him with Karen at the Church on Gower for the next day. They reminded him of his appointment with Step up on Second for 11-26-12.

The first documented contact with Dewey by BID Security was on 7-30-05 when he was arrested for drinking in public. He told the Officers that he was from Wichita Falls Texas. Dewey was also arrested on 2-15-07, 9-20-09, 5-7-10 and 3-3-12. The arrests occurred on Hollywood Blvd., Vista Del Mar and Yucca.

Dewey is a good example of our problem solving model. We reluctantly arrest him in order to solve an immediate problem while continuing to build rapport and offer support. We are now an integral part of his transition from life on the street to permanent supportive housing. If we had an overly confrontational relationship with him, this would not be possible. We document these cases because it illustrates that there is always hope with even the most resistant person living on the street.

On 11-20-12, Mike and Mike contacted homeless Veteran Richard and his wife at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. They arranged

A meeting with Karen of the Veteran's Administration and a meeting was set up for Thursday. Housing Works was also contacted and will evaluate the case.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of arrests. were for drinking in public, for urinating in public, for misdemeanor drugs, for trespass, for illegal vending, for battery, for blocking the sidewalk, for theft, for vandalism, for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and for felonies. We also made homeless referrals, assisted agencies, provided extra patrol to locations, assisted citizens, handled radio calls for service and made business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of arrests. were for drinking in public, for urinating in public, for drugs, for trespass, for battery, for blocking the sidewalk, for theft, for vandalism, for





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miscellaneous misdemeanors, and for felonies. We also made homeless referrals, assisted agencies, provided extra patrol to locations, assisted citizens, handled radio calls for service, and made business contacts.

The combined totals for both BIDS are arrests. for drinking in public, for urinating in public, for misdemeanor drugs, for trespass, for illegal vending, for battery, for blocking the sidewalk, for theft, for vandalism, for miscellaneous misdemeanors and for felonies. We also made a combined total of homeless referrals, assisted agencies, provided extra patrol to locations, assisted citizens, handled radio calls for service, and made business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 11-6-12, we arrested Ryan for Trespass at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. He has become a problem on the Blvd. He is very hostile and belligerent with BID Security as well to employees of various businesses.

On 9-24-12, we contacted Ryan on behalf of the staff of the Starbucks at Hollywood and Vine. They said he was disrupting their business and refused to leave. This is a daily occurrence. We told Ryan that he was not welcome at the location and that he would be arrested for Trespass if he refused to cooperate.

We arrested him for Trespass on 9-27-12 at 6407 Sunset, at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. on 10-30-12, on 11-6-12, we arrested him twice at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. and again on once again on 11-7-12 at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. We have seen this pattern before and are convinced that we can get him help or modify his behavior in the near future.

On 11-8-12, two of our Officers spent their entire shift in Court waiting to testify against Douglas. We arrested him for defacing a Star on the Walk of Fame on 10-25-12. We always try to be placed on call for Court, but occasionally this is not possible. It is a drain on manpower when this occurs. Our officers returned to Court on 11-13-12. After their testimony at this Preliminary Hearing, Douglas was help to answer and will go on to trial.

On 11-13-12, we received a radio call from the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. Brenda said that there was a naked man in the store. They had refused him access to the restroom and he became angry. Upon arrival, our Officers found Dale Banks standing in the



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corner with his pants around his ankles. He had penis in hand and delivered a steady stream of urine in various directions. Upon completion, he was placed under arrest and taken to the LAPD Station. We have also arrested Banks for this crime on 3-1-12, 11-18-11 and 4-21-11.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**